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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
SHUGO NISHI, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. APPLICATION :
(BASED ON PCT/IB04/02431)
FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: AMORPHOUS SILICA PARTICLES :
HAVING HIGH ABSORBING
CAPABILITIES AND HIGH
STRUCTURAL
CHARACTERISTICS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.